

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**

County Board Room, County Building

**Board Meeting of
Monday, February 4, 2013, 10:00 A.M.**



TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT

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JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI**

**MATTHEW B. DeLEON
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD**

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Board of Commissioners of Cook County

PRESIDENT

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10:00 A.M.

County Board Room, County Building

OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

At 10:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

QUORUM

Secretary to the Board, Matthew B. DeLeon called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Butler, Beavers, Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Goslin, Murphy, Reyes, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin, and Tobolski (14)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

ABSENT: Commissioners Fritchey, Gorman, and Schneider (3)

INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Clare Butterfield is the Director of Faith in Place gave the invocation.

RECESS/RECONVENE

President Preckwinkle moved that the meeting do now recess for the purpose of holding the Finance Committee meeting.

BOARD RECONVENED

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved that the Proposed Ordinance be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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13-O-01

ORDINANCE

Sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District Board

ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2013

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County:

Section 1. That this Ordinance is and the same is hereby termed the “Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2013.”

Section 2. That the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Illinois, has considered the subject of the Annual Tax Levy for the year 2013, and the several sums necessary to be levied to meet the needs and requirements of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for said year and has recommended that this ordinance for the levy of taxes be adopted.

Section 3. That the Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County heretofore having approved and adopted the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the year commencing January 1, 2013, at its meeting held December 18, 2012, which ordinance was published by authority of said Board as provided by law, and which portion of said Appropriation Ordinance pertaining to Fund and Departmental Appropriations, together with marginal columns captioned “ Payable from the Tax Levy” and “Payable from sources other than the Tax Levy” where applicable, is hereinafter set forth.

Section 4. That the sum of Eighty-Six Million, Five Hundred Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy Three Dollars and No Cents (\$86,508,573), being the sum of Appropriations heretofore legally made which are to be paid from the collection of the Annual Tax Levy of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2013 A.D. for the corporate purposes, for the construction of improvements and development of the forests and lands, for real estate acquisition, for payment for principal and interest on bonded debt, for payment for contributions to Employees’ Annuity and Benefit

Fund, and for the payment of amounts to the Chicago Zoological Society and the Chicago Horticultural Society, all as adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County at its meeting held December 18, 2012 and published by the authority of said Board according to law, is hereby levied on all the taxable property within said Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2013 being composed of the specific amounts for the various purposes herein before named.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois

**ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE
FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2013**

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES THEREOF
ALL FUNDS**

	Amount of Appropriation	Payable From the Tax Levy	Payable From Sources Other Than Tax Levy
Corporate	52,841,725	46,708,559	6,133,166
Self-Insurance	3,000,000		3,000,000
Const. & Development	1,940,000	2,000,000	(60,000)
Capital Improvements	5,300,000		5,300,000
Real Estate Acquisition	14,848,849		14,848,849
Bond & Interest	19,881,853	15,885,503	3,996,350
Bond & Interest Abatement	(4,996,350)	(4,996,350)	
Empl. Annuity & Benefit	2,975,735	2,677,864	297,871
Zoological	62,899,060	14,884,927	48,014,133
Botanic Garden	30,632,128	9,348,070	21,014,058
Total	189,323,000	86,508,573	102,814,427

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Commissioner Daley, moved that the Proposed Resolution be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.** Commissioners Collins and Sims voted present.

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13-R-01

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District Board, and WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, ELIZABETH “LIZ” DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**Celebrating the 10th Year of the Chicago Zoological Society’s
Good Works Initiative for High School Students with Developmental Disabilities**

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Chicago Zoological Society established the Good Works initiative at Brookfield Zoo for local high school students with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Zoo staff work with Good Works students to develop and fine-tune time management, communications, and inter-personal skills so the students are better equipped to find employment or volunteer opportunities after graduation; and

WHEREAS, Good Works participants come from five local high schools: Lyons Township, Hinsdale Central, Hinsdale South, Oak Park River Forest, and Riverside Brookfield and are at least 16 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Special Education coordinators at the partner schools recommend students for Good Works and assist the students in completing and submitting adult volunteer applications to the Chicago Zoological Society; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Zoological Society also partners with the LaGrange Area Department of Special Education on the recruitment and placement of local high school students into Good Works; and

WHEREAS, Good Works students volunteer at the Hamill Family Play Zoo, an award-winning nature-based hands-on learning environment for children and families at Brookfield Zoo; and

WHEREAS, Good Works students assist Hamill Family Play Zoo staff with activity preparation, help to create and maintain a safe and welcoming environment for children and families, and interact with guests; and

WHEREAS, The experience of many children and families at the Hamill Family Play Zoo is enhanced because of the work that Good Works students do; and

WHEREAS, All throughout their Good Works experience, students work closely with zoo staff and their school job coaches on developing job and life skills with many participants realizing noticeable growth in their social skills and confidence levels; and

WHEREAS, Good Works students work to overcome developmental and social obstacles to competitive employment in the community and receive intensive job support and assist job coaches at the zoo; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from Good Works, many students go on to find fulfilling volunteer opportunities or paid employment at the zoo or in the community; and

WHEREAS, Through Good Works, individuals with developmental disabilities are realizing greater independence, enhanced quality of life, and increased confidence through their participation in this zoo-based initiative; and

WHEREAS, Through Good Works, awareness of roles within the community for, and abilities of, individuals with developmental disabilities is created and enhanced for guests and staff of the Chicago Zoological Society, as well as members of the surrounding communities.

WHEREAS, As Good Works completes its 10th year, it is an opportune time for the Chicago Zoological Society to thank the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for its support, and to recognize and highlight the Good Works students, their job coaches, and families, and Chicago Zoological Society staff who work every day to enrich the lives of those with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Forest Preserve District of Cook County and Chicago Zoological Society believe that the conservation movement must be inclusive and inspire people from all income levels, communities, and abilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and Members of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the people of Cook County, do hereby celebrate the 10th year of the Good Works initiative at Brookfield Zoo and commend Good Works' participants and supporters for their dedication, support, and advocacy to enrich the lives of students with developmental disabilities.

Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, moved that the communication be received and file as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT CENTURY CONSERVATION PLAN COMMISSION

Transmitting a Communication dated February 4, 2013 from

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District Board

In 1913 a group of committed, visionary citizens worked to pass enabling legislation to establish the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, the first of its kind in the nation - its mission: to preserve land so that nature would forever remain an integral part of Cook County life for the education, recreation, and enjoyment of the people.

One hundred years later, the District now is the largest forest preserve district in the nation and it stands poised to embark upon the development of a plan to re-establish itself as a leader in urban biodiversity conservation, environmental education and outdoor recreation. And, once again, a group of prominent, spirited citizens, active in civic life, will play a vital role in the creation of this ambitious effort.

To that end, the District is partnering with Metropolis Strategies and Openlands, to create a Next Century Conservation Plan by the end of 2013. This plan will prepare the District for the ever growing challenges of conserving nature, including issues such as habitat fragmentation, invasive species, and climate

change. The Next Century Conservation Plan will be guided by a Commission formed of civic leaders that represent the diverse fields that the plan will address. Lead funding for the plan is provided by Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust.

The Commission will serve to advise on the plan which will ultimately strengthen the Forest Preserve District's position as the region's premiere natural, educational and recreational treasure, improving the vitality and quality of life for Cook County residents.

I am pleased to announce the following Co-Chairs of the Next Century Conservation Plan Commission:

Co-chairs:

- **John McCarter**, President Emeritus, Field Museum
- **Wendy Paulson**, Board Member, Openlands
- **Arthur R. Velasquez**, Chairman, Azteca Foods
- **Eric Whitaker, M.D., M.P.H.**, Executive Vice President of Strategic Affiliations & Associate Dean of Community-Based Research, University of Chicago Medicine

Commission Members:

- **Lee Bey**, Executive Director, Chicago Central Area Committee
- **Frank M. Clark III**, Founder and Managing Partner, Clark Enterprises Group, LLC
- **James Gay**, Superintendent, Consolidated High School District 230 of Orland Park
- **Joseph Gregoire**, State Chairman for Illinois Banking, PNC Bank
- **Terry Guen**, FASLA, Principal Landscape Architect, Terry Guen Design Associates, Inc.
- **Lori Healy**, CEO, Tur Partners LLC
- **Troy Henikoff**, Co-Founder and CEO, Excelerate Labs
- **Sylvia Jenkins**, Ph.D., President, Moraine Valley Community College
- **Luis Nieto**, President, Nieto Advisory LLC
- **Lisa Thornton**, M.D., Medical Director of Pediatric and Adolescent Rehabilitation, Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital
- **Don A. Turner**, President Emeritus, Chicago Federation of Labor

Ex Officio Members:

- **Arnold Randall**, General Superintendent, Forest Preserve District of Cook County
- **Sophia Siskel**, President & CEO, Chicago Botanic Garden
- **Stuart Strahl**, President & CEO, Chicago Zoological Society

Senior Advisors:

- **Jerry Adelman**, President & CEO, Openlands
- **Mary Laraia**, Deputy General Superintendent, Forest Preserve District of Cook County
- **George Ranney**, President & CEO, Metropolis Strategies
- **Victoria Ranney**, President, Liberty Prairie Foundation

This admirable group will address the Preserves in a 21st century context. Their process will consider issues such as biological diversity, land use, sustainability and ecosystem services, how nature and open

space contribute to the region's economic growth and public health, public awareness and education in the context of changing demographics, and financial sustainability.

The planning process will include outreach to key stakeholders, content experts and a variety of advisors from different fields. In addition, national research on best practices will provide a foundation for the Next Century Plan. Public and stakeholder input will be solicited through a website, interviews and focus groups.

I am grateful for their commitment and look forward to their continued collaboration in helping the Forest Preserve District begin its' second century of cultivating support for a healthy forest preserve system and reconnecting people with nature.

It is requested that this acknowledgement be received and filed.

COMMISSIONERS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved that the Report of the Committee on Rules be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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REPORT OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT RULES COMMITTEE

February 4, 2013

The Honorable,
The Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Board of Commissioners

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Suffredin, Commissioners Daley, Gainer, Silvestri and Sims (5)

Absent: Vice-Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Fritchey, Schneider and Steele (4)

Also Present: Commissioners Beavers, Butler and Tobolski (3)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Rules of the Forest Preserve District of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice on Monday, February 4, 2013 at the hour of 9:45 A.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Your Committee has considered the following item and upon adoption of this report, the recommendation is as follows:

13RULE0003 SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of the Proceedings of the Meeting held on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved to Approve Communication No. 13RULE0003. The motion carried.

Commissioner Daley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Sims. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTER NAMED HEREIN:**

Communication Number 13RULE0003 Approved

Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved that the Report of the Committee on Finance be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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REPORT OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEBRUARY 4, 2013

The Honorable,
The Forest Preserve District
Board of Commissioners of Cook County

ATTENDANCE

Present: President Preckwinkle and Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey, Gorman and Schneider (3)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

SECTION 1

Your Committee has considered the following disbursements submitted by the Administration of the Forest Preserve for payments.

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Your Committee, therefore, recommends that the Forest Preserve District Comptroller and Forest Preserve District Treasurer be, and by the adoption of this report, authorized and directed to issue checks to said vendors in the amounts recommended.

- 13FINA04020 **EFRAIM CARLSON & SON, INC.**, Libertyville, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$102,795.99 for Contract Number: 10-80-60. Total Contract Awarded: \$688,800.00. Capital Improvement Account Number: 091000-670061. Purchase Order Number: 039023. Original Board Approval Date: January 19, 2012. Description: Ned Brown Preserve Boathouse and Concession Building
District: 15
- 13FINA04021 **PATNICK CONSTRUCTION**, Franklin Park, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$137,440.00 for Contract Number: 12-80-49. Total Contract Awarded: \$184,800.00. Capital Improvement Account Number: 091000-670061. Purchase Order Number: 039528. Original Board Approval Date: September 11, 2012. Description: Replace existing Water Pipes for Boating Concession at Tampier Lake
District: 17
- 13FINA04022 **RELIABLE AND ASSOCIATES CONSTRUCTION**, Chicago, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$69,390.81 for Contract Number: 10-80-62B. Total Contract Awarded: \$1,074,908.23. Capital Improvement & Construction & Development Account Number: 090200-670061 & 588000-670061. Purchase Order Number: 038983 & 039503. Original Board Approval Date: December 15, 2011 \$924,886.00. Amended on September 11, 2012 for an increase of \$150,022.23. Description: Thatcher Woods Pavilion Renovation
District: 9
- 13FINA04023 **WESTERN REMAC INC.**, Woodridge, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$75,580.00 for Contract Number: 12-80-16. Total Contract Awarded: \$428,453.00. Capital Improvement & Construction & Development Account Number: 090200-670061 & 588000-670065. Purchase Order Number: 039532 & 039533. Original Board Approval Date: September 11, 2012. Description: Signage Maintenance Program
Districts: Districtwide
- 13FINA04024 **BUILDERS CHICAGO CORP.**, Huntley, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$32,581.70 for Contract Number: 12-80-29. Total Contract Awarded: \$115,477.00. Construction & Development Account Number: 588000-670061. Purchase Order Number: 039370. Original Board Approval Date: July 11, 2012. Description: Overhead Garage Doors Replacement and Repairs – North
Districts: 9, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17

COMMISSIONER DALEY VOTED PRESENT ON THE ABOVE ITEM.

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- 13FINA04025 **ENCAP, INC**, Sycamore, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$56,422.80 for Contract Number: 11-31-112S. Total Combined Contract Awarded: \$2,100,000.00. Capital Improvement, Restoration Landscape Account Number: 091000-670055. Purchase Order Number: 039559. Original Board Approval Date: January 19, 2012. Description: Prescribed Burning & Vegetation Management - South Districts: 4, 5, 6 & 17
- 13FINA04026 **TALLGRASS RESTORATION**, Schaumburg, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$64,895.05 for Contract Number: 12-31-102. Total Contract Awarded: \$500,000.00. Restoration Landscape Account Number: 090200-670055. Purchase Order Number: 039235. Original Board Approval Date: April 4, 2012. Description: Districtwide Shoreline Enhancement and Maintenance. Districts: Districtwide
- 13FINA04027 **AUDUBON OF THE CHICAGO REGION**, Evanston, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$107,176.00 for Contract Number: N/A Total Contract Awarded: \$160,000.00. Restoration Intern Program Account Number: 013100-620053. Purchase Order Number: 039439. Original Board Approval Date: April 4, 2012. Description: Program to Carry Out Ecological Restoration Activities Districtwide Districts: Districtwide
- 13FINA04028 **SASAFRASNET, LLC**, Chicago, Illinois, submitting invoice totaling \$29,336.40 for Contract Number: 11-53-063R. Total Contract Awarded: \$4,708,095.00. Corporate Gasoline and Oil Account Number: 015100-640170. Purchase Order Number: 039573. Original Board Approval Date: December 15, 2011. Description: Motor Fuel for Vehicles and Trucks Districts: Districtwide

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TOBOLSKI, MOVED APPROVAL OF THE DISBURSEMENTS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SECTION 2

Your Committee has considered the following communications with reference to the proposed settlements.

Your Committee, concurring in the recommendations of the District Counsel, recommends that the Forest Preserve District Comptroller and Forest Preserve District Treasurer prepare checks in the amounts recommended by the District Counsel in order that the payments may be set in accordance with the request of the upon proper release from the District Counsel.

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13FINA04029

Finance Subcommittee on Litigation of the
Forest Preserve District.....January 15, 2013

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2013 To Present: \$0.00

Proposed Settlements To Be Approved: \$11,000.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2013 To Present: \$63,456.30

Legal Fees for 1/15/13 To Be Approved: \$78,702.49

***For details on payment approvals by the Litigation Subcommittee, refer to the Litigation Subcommittee Report for 1/15/2012.**

COMMISSIONERS COLLINS, MURPHY AND SIMS VOTED NO ON ITEMS 9 AND 10.

COMMISSIONER SUFFREDIN, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, MOVED APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation
of the Forest Preserve District.....February 4, 2013

Workers' Compensation Claims Approved Fiscal Year 2013 To Present: \$57,758.37

Workers' Compensation Claims To Be Approved: \$52,017.40

***For details on payment approvals by the Workers' Compensation Subcommittee, refer to the Workers' Compensation Subcommittee Report for February 4, 2013.**

COMMISSIONER REYES, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, MOVED APPROVAL OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SECTION 3

Your Committee has considered the bid submitted on the item hereinafter described in accordance with the specifications on file in the Office of the Forest Preserve District Purchasing Agent. Communications from the Forest Preserve District Purchasing Agent submitting recommendations on the award of contracts for said item, be and by the adoption of this Report, awarded as follows. Any money if deposited will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders at once and to the successful bidder upon the signing of the contract.

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13FINA04030

Transmitting a Communication dated, February 4, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent
requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into a contract with Vega Tree Service, Stone Park, Illinois.

Reason: Contract 12-31-116 consists of the removal of 681 trees, due mostly to impacts from the Emerald Ash Borer, in accordance with the District's specifications in Region 7, Sag Valley Division. Vega Tree Service, Stone Park, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible of six (6) bidders.
Sealed bids were received, opened and publicly read at the Bid Opening on January 4, 2013.

The bid results were as follows:

1. Vega Tree Service	\$53,500.00
2. Groundskeeper Landscape	\$96,300.00
3. Homer Tree Service	\$103,074.80
4. Trees R'Us, Inc.	\$107,845.00
5. Winkler's Tree Service	\$110,799.00
6. Landscape Concepts Management	\$121,000.00

Vega Tree Service is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$53,500.00

Contract period: Forty-Five (45) working days from issuance of purchase order.

Account Name-Number: Capital Improvement Fund Account: 090200-670055

The Forest Preserve District's Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

District: 17

**VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER REYES,
MOVED APPROVAL OF BID RECOMMENDATION (13FINA04030). THE
MOTION CARRIED.
COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI VOTED PRESENT ON THE ABOVE ITEM.**

SECTION 4

13FINA04031

Your Committee was presented with the Revenue Report for the period ended December 31, 2012 for the Corporate Fund, as presented by the Finance and Administration Department.

**VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI,
MOVED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REVENUE REPORT. THE MOTION
CARRIED.**

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION CARRIED AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Steele moved that Miscellaneous Item of Business be referred to the Committee on the Finance (Comm. No. 13FINA0032). **The motion carried unanimously.**

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS

Transmitting a Communication dated February 4, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting permission to discuss with the Finance Committee in executive session the possible acquisition of real estate property to be utilized as a future forest preserve.

Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Sims, moved that the Proposed Agreement be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROPOSED AGREEMENT
BLUFF CITY MATERIALS AND/OR BLUFF CITY INDUSTRIAL PARK ASSOCIATION**

Transmitting a Communication dated February 4, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into a Cost Sharing Agreement with Bluff City Materials (BCM), Bartlett, Illinois and/or Bluff City Industrial Park Association, similar in form to the contract provided as backup for this agenda item and subject to

final approval by the District's legal department, for the construction of a stormwater bypass and restoration project at the Bluff Spring Fen Preserve (the "Fen").

Reason: Bluff Springs Fen is one of the District's most significant natural areas and a portion is a dedicated Illinois Nature Preserve. In 2003, prior to the District acquiring the property, the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission ("INPC") and a neighboring property owner, Bluff City Materials, Inc. (BCM) executed an agreement in which BCM agreed to construct and make several improvements in order to protect the Fen from stormwater runoff and from BCM's mining operations including, but not limited to, installing underground pipes to convey stormwater away from the Fen and perform other protection measures.

The District acquired the Bluff Springs Fen in 2006 and, in June 2010, District staff requested Board approval to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement with the INPC to become a participant in the Fen's protection plan. In September, 2010, District staff submitted a 5-year management plan for approval and requested authority to apply for permits for the construction of the storm sewer. The request for approval submitted to the Board in 2010 indicated that "the partners will seek funding to construct the project" once permits were secured, but additional sources of funding were never identified. The total cost of the project, including engineering and groundwater modeling, was estimated to be \$2.6 million.

This proposed agreement provides that BCM and/or the Bluff City Industrial Park Association will complete the remainder of the project and pay all project costs. Once complete, the District will reimburse BCM and/or Bluff City Industrial Park Association for approved project costs not to exceed \$300,000.00 and the project shall become District property. BCM and/or the Bluff City Industrial Park Association will have ongoing maintenance responsibilities for the portion of the piping system that is installed within an easement on the District's property, and on adjoining property within the Bluff City Industrial Park. The District will be responsible for maintenance of the remaining stormwater piping on its property.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$300,000.00. Contract period: One year from contract execution. (608000-670255 Construction & Development Fund Sewer and Water Construction Accounts; 618000-670255 and 528000-670255 Construction & Development Fund Accounts).

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District: District 15

Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Sims, moved that the Proposed Resolution be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION
TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO
A LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR THE THORN CREEK BICYCLE TRAIL**

Transmitting a Communication dated February 4, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District Board

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “District”) has sought, and been awarded, funds from the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program (“CMAQ Grant”), a federally-funded program of surface transportation improvements designed to improve air quality and mitigate congestion administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”), to facilitate the construction of 4.75 miles of the Thorn Creek Bicycle Trail (hereafter the “Project”);

WHEREAS, Phase III Engineering services for the Project are projected to be approximately \$454,781.62;

WHEREAS, the District anticipates the use of CMAQ Grant funds to cover 80% of the costs of Phase III Engineering Services to be provided in connection with the Project and the District intends to be responsible for 20% of the cost of Phase III Engineering or \$90,956.00 in connection with the project;

WHEREAS, in order to meet deadlines for use of the funds provided via the CMAQ Grant, it was advisable that a consulting engineering firm be employed to supervise the construction; and

WHEREAS, the District has selected URS Corporation, of Chicago, Illinois to serve as consulting engineers;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the District hereby authorizes the District, through its General Superintendent, to enter into a local agency agreement (the “Local Agency Agreement”), with the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) to pay 20% of the Phase III Construction Engineering costs associated with the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that URS Corporation, Inc., of Chicago, Illinois be employed to perform Phase III Engineering services in connection with the Project, and that the President of such Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to execute, on behalf of the District, an agreement by and between the District and URS Corporation for Phase III Engineering services (the “Engineering Services Agreement”).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Board of Commissioners of the District hereby confirms that sufficient funds are available in the District’s Capital Improvement Fund accounts, and have been designated, to pay the total cost of Phase III Engineering services in the amount not to exceed \$454,781.62, of which the Illinois Department of Transportation will reimburse 80% or \$363,825.30 and the District ultimately shall be responsible for 20% of the Phase III Construction Engineering costs or a maximum of \$90,956.32.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the Local Agency Agreement and the Engineering Services Agreement, when executed in their respective final form, shall be submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation for approval and final processing.

Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Sims, moved that the Proposed Contract be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT
PHASE III ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THORN CREEK BYCYCLE TRAIL**

Transmitting a Communication dated February 4, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to enter into and execute a contract with URS Corporation of Chicago, Illinois, to provide Phase III Engineering services for the Thorn Creek Bicycle Trail. URS Corporation, Inc. is in good standing with the State of Illinois Contract 06-003 consists of Phase III Engineering services for the Thorn Creek Bicycle Trail Completion project.

Reason: On July 14, 2010, the Board granted the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") authority to negotiate a contract with URS Corporation, an entity selected via a Request for Qualifications process, for Phase II and Phase III Engineering Services for the Thorn Creek Bicycle Trail Completion. At that time, District staff indicated that the proposed final contract and a corresponding proposed resolution in support of the project would be submitted to the Board for approval at a later date. URS Corporation and the District have completed their negotiations and, collectively, propose to enter into a contract for the Phase III Engineering services for an amount not to exceed \$454,781.62

Funding for the project includes funds from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program ("CMAQ Grant"), a federally-funded program of surface transportation improvements designed to improve air quality and mitigate congestion. Of the total fees, the CMAQ Grant will cover 80% of the costs and the District will be responsible for the remaining 20% of the costs, which shall not exceed \$90,956.32.

This project will connect three separate portions of the existing Thorn Creek Trail System and link the Thorn Creek Trail with the Old Plank Road Trail and the Burnham Greenway Trail. The project will add 4.75 miles of new trail to the existing system of 12.7 miles.

This bike trail project initially was approved at the January 10, 2007 Board Meeting

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$90,956.32 after reimbursement. Contract period: one year from Notice to Proceed. (090200 and 091000 Capital Improvement Funds Accounts).

Districts: 5 and 6

Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved that the Proposed Contract be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT
AGRICULTURAL MOWER PARTS AND ATTACHMENTS**

Transmitting a Communication dated, February 4, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization, pursuant to Section 1-8-2 (ZZ) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") Code of Ordinances, for the District to participate in the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) and, as a participant, to purchase agricultural mower parts and attachments as needed from Alamo Group, Seguin, Texas.

Reason: Agricultural mower parts and attachments are required for the maintenance and repair of District equipment.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$50,000.00. Contract Period May 17, 2012 through May 17, 2013. (015100-620120 Equipment Service and Repair Accounts).

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Alamo Group is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Alamo Group is the sole source for the parts referenced above and, as such, has requested and received a waiver from Cook County's Contract Compliance office with respect to the District's Minority and Business Enterprise Ordinance.

Districtwide

Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved that the Proposed Contract be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT
FOR HIRING EXAMINATION SERVICES**

Transmitting a Communication, dated February 4, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

Requesting authorization, per Section 1-8-2(X) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") Code of Ordinances, for the District to obtain psychological examination services from Stanard & Associates, Inc., Chicago, Illinois based on the pricing terms and conditions established via the contract by and between Stanard & Associates, Inc. and the County of Cook.

Reason: The County of Cook selected Stanard & Associates, Inc. (Contract No. 10-50-1086) based upon the results of an RFP conducted by the Cook County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Cook County Purchasing Agent. There were six respondents to the RFP. Stanard & Associates, Inc. was selected because they achieved the highest overall score from the internal selection committee, based upon adherence to the technical specifications and cost. Using the County of Cook contract for psychological exam services will provide the District with more than a 12% reduction in unit price from previous contract price. The District has a current contract directly with Stanard & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000.00 for assessments of candidates for high-level command positions.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$6,020.00. Contract period: February 4, 2013 through December 31, 2013. (017000-690020 Training Expenses Accounts).

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance.

Districtwide

Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved that the Proposed Contract be approved as amended and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT
RECREATION & PERMIT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE**

Transmitting a Communication dated, Monday, February 4, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to enter into a two-year contract, similar in form to the contract provided as backup for this agenda item and subject to final approval by the District's legal department, with Active Network, San Diego, California for Recreation & Permit Management Software.

Reason: On November 1, 2012, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") issued a Request For Proposals ("RFP"), RFP # 12-54-300, to which the District received two responses. District staff has evaluated both proposals and desires to select Active Network to customize, license and install software for the purpose of facilitating the District's efforts to manage and issue permits for the use of District property more efficiently and effectively. Through the use of Active Network's software, members of the public will be able to request, and purchase permits for picnics and other activities at the District on line. Permit Services Contract Number 602309.

Active Network is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$55,190.08 FY2013 and \$32,670.31 FY2014. Contract period: February 4, 2013 through January 31, 2015 (Dates to be negotiated). (014000-620309 Special Events Program Accounts).

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Active Network is one of a small number of highly specialized software providers and, as such, has requested and received a waiver from Cook County's Office of Contract Compliance with respect to the District's Minority and Business Enterprise Ordinance.

Districtwide

Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved that the Proposed Contract Addendum be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT ADDENDUM
NEXT DOOR MULTIMEDIA**

Transmitting a Communication dated February 4, 2013 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Chief Financial Officer to increase by \$35,000.00 and extend, retroactively from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, Contract No. 10-80-013 with Next Door Multimedia (NDM), Oak Park, Illinois for professional services, specifically content management of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County website, www.fpdcc.com and to add an additional one-year option period, to be exercised at the District's option beginning on January 1, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2014 for an additional \$35,000.00. Content management services include posting/editing content; graphic design, image manipulation and page layout; and telephone and email support.

Board approved amount (11-26-10)	\$ 57,700.00
Increase requested: (9-8-11)	\$18,000.00
Purchased Order Increase requested: (4-26-12)	\$5,000.00
Increase requested: (6- 6-12)	\$20,000.00
This Increase requested:	\$70,000.00 (optional \$35,000.00 in 2014
Adjusted amount:	\$170,700.00

Reason: The District originally received Board authorization to enter into a contract with NDM on November 4, 2010 following the District's RFP process. They designed and developed the current District's website and have been providing content and management support since that time. The District would like to maintain the continuity of NDM's service through 2013 and possibly during 2014. The District intends to issue an RFP for the services referenced herein in 2013.

The Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$70,000.00. Contract period: January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. (011000-620091 Advertising/Promotion Accounts).

Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Ordinance.

Districtwide

Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved that the Proposed Contract Renewal be approved as amended and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT RENEWAL
HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

Transmitting a Communication dated, February 4, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to exercise its option to renew Contract Number 11-31-111C with (Central Region); EnCAP, Inc., Sycamore, Illinois the following contract for one (1) year.

Reason: The District utilizes the time and materials contract for prescribed burning and vegetation management in accordance with the detailed specifications as the need arises. Fees will be paid based on the services provided.

EnCAP, Inc. is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$2,100,000.00. The combined total of Contract Numbers 11-31-110N, 11-31-111C and 11-31-112S will not exceed \$2,100,000.00. Contract period: Retroactively, from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. The original contract 11-31-111C was awarded on January 19, 2012 with two (2) one-year renewal options. (090200-670055 Capital Improvement Fund Account).

The Forest Preserve District's Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance.

Districts: Central Region

Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved that the Proposed Contract Renewal be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT RENEWAL
HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

Transmitting a Communication dated, February 4, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to exercise its option to renew Contract Number 11-31-110 with (North Region); Pizzo and Associates, Ltd., Leland, Illinois for one (1) year.

Reason: The District utilizes this time and materials contract for prescribed burning and vegetation management in accordance with the detailed specifications, as the need arises. Fees will be paid based on the services provided.

Pizzo and Associates, Ltd. is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$2,100,000.00 The combined total of Contract Numbers 11-31-110N, 11-31-111C and 11-31-112S will not exceed \$2,100,000.00. Contract period: Retroactively, from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. The original contract 11-31-110N was awarded on December 15, 2011 with two (2) one-year renewal options. (090200-670055 Capital Improvement Fund Account).

The Forest Preserve District's Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance.

Districts: North Region

Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved that the Proposed Contract Renewal be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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PROPOSED CONTRACT RENEWAL HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Transmitting a Communication dated, February 4, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to exercise its option to renew Contract Number 11-31-112S with (South Region); EnCAP, Inc., Sycamore, Illinois for one (1) year.

Reason: The District utilizes this time and materials contract for prescribed burning and vegetation management in accordance with the detailed specifications as the need arises. Fees will be paid based on the services provided. EnCAP, Inc. is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$2,100,000.00. The combined total of Contract Numbers 11-31-110N, 11-31-111C and 11-31-112S will not exceed \$2,100,000.00. Contract period: Retroactively, from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. The original contract 11-31-112S was awarded on January 19, 2012 with two (2) one-year renewal options. (090200-670055 Capital Improvement Fund Account).

The Forest Preserve District's Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance.

Districts: South Region

Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved that the Proposed Contract Renewal be approved and adopted. **The motion carried.** Commissioner Silvestri voted present.

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT RENEWAL
VEGETATION MAINTENANCE**

Transmitting a Communication dated, February 4, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to exercise its option to renew Contract Number 11-31-114N with (North Region); Vega Tree Service, Inc. Stone Park, Illinois for one (1) year.

Reason: The District utilizes this time and materials contract for dead tree removal, tree pruning, trail pruning, storm damage clean-up, road side tree removal, stumping operations and emergency response in accordance with the detailed specifications as the need arises. Fees will be paid based on the services provided.

Vega Tree Service Inc. is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$300,000.00. The combined total of Contract Numbers 11-31-114N, 11-31-115C and 11-31-116S will not exceed \$300,000.00. Contract period: Retroactively, from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. The original contracts were awarded on December 15, 2011 with two (2) one-year renewal options. (090200-670055 Capital Improvement Fund Account).

The Forest Preserve District's Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance.

Districts: North Region

Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved that the Proposed Contract Renewal be approved and adopted. **The motion carried.** Commissioner Silvestri voted present.

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT RENEWAL
VEGETATION MAINTENANCE**

Transmitting a Communication dated, February 4, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to renew Contract No. 11-31-115C with (Central Region); Vega Tree Service, Inc. Stone Park, Illinois to exercise its option to renew the following contract for one (1) year.

Reason: The District utilizes the time and materials contract for dead tree removal, tree pruning, trail pruning, storm damage clean-up, road side tree removal, stumping operations and emergency response in accordance with the detailed specifications as the need arises. Fees will be paid based on the services provided.

Vega Tree Service Inc. is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$300,000.00. The combined total of Contract Numbers 11-31-114N, 11-31-115C and 11-31-116S will not exceed \$300,000.00. Contract period: Retroactively, from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. The original contracts were awarded on December 15, 2011 with two (2) one-year renewal options. (090200-670055 Capital Improvement Fund Account).

The Forest Preserve District's Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance.

Districts: Central Region

Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, moved that the communication be received and file. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2013

In addition to the dozens of free programs at the District's six Nature Centers each month, the following special events are taking place in February. For a full list of events in the Forest Preserve District, visit www.fpdcc.com/events.

**Wednesday, February 6
10:30 a.m.**

**Mother Nature and Me: Birds at Your Feeder
Little Red School House**

Hear a story, go on a nature walk, and make a craft about birds at your feeder.

For children ages 3 – 5, with an adult.

**Saturday, February 9
9:30 am and 1:00 pm**

**Weekend Family Class: Hot Chocolate
Chicago Botanic Garden**

Examine the cacao tree, learn how bitter beans make delicious desserts, mix up an ancient Aztec chocolate,

and take home chocolate mint and chocolate pepper plants. Preregistration required; fee applies.

**Saturday, February 16
1 p.m.**

Trading Cards

Crabtree Nature Center

Create baseball-card-sized works of art that are traded throughout the world! This class is taught by artist Kimberly Butts. *For adults* and children over 7. Registration required.

**Saturday, February 16
1:30 p.m.**

Extreme Survival: Winter Edition

Sand Ridge Nature Center

Learn how to survive in the winter wilderness. We will cover topics like shelter building, fire starting and signaling for help. *Dress for the weather.* For adults and children 10 and older.

**Saturday, February 23
10 a.m.**

Photo Meet-Up

River Trail Nature Center

The District is hosting a new series for photographers of all skill levels. A naturalist will lead a brief tour, sharing scenic vistas and natural life. Capture images and share tips.

**Sunday, February 24
3:00 – 5:00 pm**

Seed Swap

Chicago Botanic Garden

Gardeners are invited to bring saved or leftover vegetable, flower, and herb seed packets to share and swap with other gardeners. Ongoing demonstrations will feature starting seeds indoors, germination testing, and seed saving.

**Sunday, February 24
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Dog-Sled Demo

Brookfield Zoo

Bundle up and join the Green Valley Dog Drivers (GVDD) and their four-legged friends as they demonstrate dog-sledding from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the zoo's West Mall. Members of the Lemont-based

dog-sledding organization will engage guests in games and musher talks with their canine teams.

**Tuesday, February 26
1 p.m.**

Weekday Nature Walk

Trailside Museum

Join us for our new monthly nature walk as we explore beautiful Thatcher Woods.

Saturday, March 2
9:00 a.m.

Monthly Photo Walk
Chicago Botanic Garden Alsdorf Auditorium
Join one of the Garden's staff photographers for a free morning photo walk.

Sunday, March 17
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Maple Syrup Celebration
River Trail Nature Center
Celebrate spring's arrival while learning about traditional and modern methods for harvesting sap and making maple syrup. Enjoy guided walks, tapping demonstrations, maple syrup making and samples, puppet shows, storytelling and more

Commissioner Tobolski, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, moved to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.